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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged in the West and Midwest; unchanged to slightly lower in the East. Trade sentiment was mixed, but generally no better than steady. Demand was seasonally slow to fair as interest centered on other holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for the light and selective trade interest. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair at best and limited to immediate needs. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/12/02-08/17/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Bos/New Eng	46.00-49.00	47.44	9	50.80
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.73	40	45.83
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	48.87
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	56.00
Denver	66.50	66.46	17	65.98
Detroit	42.00-44.00	44.00	9	50.46
Los Angeles	67.00	65.47	59	62.25
New York	45.00-47.00	46.35	20	47.41
Philadelphia	46.00-48.00	47.20	10	45.12
Pittsburgh	45.00-48.00	46.80	10	52.50
St. Louis	42.00-43.25	42.53	16	44.84
San Francisco	67.50	66.22	27	68.74

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/25/02	Change/Last Wk	11/18/02	11/26/01
478	53.36	0.05	53.31	58.82

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	47.00-49.00	48.55	33
Central	44.00-52.00	49.44	58
West	45.00-61.50	55.63	39

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.50-61.00	60.95	80
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,034	40.00-65.40	60.71

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	164.00	1,369
BREASTS - B/S	127.00	4,913
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.00	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	54.00	886
LEG QUARTERS	17.50	9,542
WINGS	47.00	3,445

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Pre-holiday demand was seasonally light and highly selective as interest centered on other traditional holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In the parts structure, movement was light with supplies of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light to no better than fair entering the holiday week as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks no more than adequate. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were readily available, however, the lighter sizes were noted as in a better balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow as consumer focus shifted to traditional Thanksgiving items. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts and wings were fully sufficient.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady with reported trading for this week's delivery at mainly unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were ample with heavy weights in the longest position. Buyers centered purchased on regular commitments and in some cases reduced regular commitments in order to keep in step with holiday needs. Demand was moderate best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 18.5-19.5 and 4/10s mainly 19.75, bone in breast 72- 78 and boneless 122-125. The Los Angeles negotiated weighted WOG average was 48.38 down 1.57 with the volume reported down 16 percent to 26 loads.

**MIDWEST** Final majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher into St. Louis, all other areas reported no changes from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone about steady. Offerings mixed and sufficient for the very limited trade interest. Movement was seasonal into all channels, light to fair at best. Floor stocks held in close balance and for immediate needs only. Sizes desirable to heavier than desired. Parts items were adequate for the minimal trade interest. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady on all items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was predictably slow as most buyers looked for other items associated with the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were adequate and were generally in best balance on the 3.0 pound sizes. 2.5 and over 3 pound sizes were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules varied but were moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, all cuts remained at least adequate for the seasonally light buying interest.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	38-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.30
NO. OF BOXES	8,262
*8 of 8 plants reporting.	

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity remained very light and selective as the bulk of trading centered around Thanksgiving items and dealers kept the remainder of floor stocks to a minimum. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were more than sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally sluggish. Trade sentiment was cautious. The market tone was no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	119.87		530,960
TENDERLOINS	100-105	103.26		81,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	63.12		128,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	56.75		106,240
LEGS	31-32	29.76		234,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.62		350,447
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	27.48		62,720
THIGHS	20-21	28.43		42,800
B/S THIGHS	62-63	66.19		71,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	46.28		165,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.21		40,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.12		12,940
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.63		10,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	840	101.00-115.00	110-115	111.14
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	200	54.00-63.00	-	57.60
FRONT HALVES	320	44.00-48.00	45-46	45.75
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,080	15.00-16.00	15	15.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,520	15.00-18.00	16-17	16.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	160	41.00-44.00	41	41.75
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,760	15.00-16.00	-	15.52

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/25	11/21	11/21	11/18	11/14
ALA	4,057	4,002	5.05	4035	5.01
ARK	4,731	5,110	4.92	5116	4.88
DELMARVA	2,404	2,273	5.07	2252	5.06
KY-LA-TN	1,655	1,791	4.52	1695	4.64
MISS	2,930	2,911	5.27	2898	5.22
NC	2,608	2,478	5.97	2249	5.94
TEXAS	2,457	2,410	4.79	2456	4.81
TOTAL	20,842	20,975	5.08	20701	5.07
MON	20,842(A)			20701(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Nov 2002 is estimated to be 31,182,000 up 0.38 percent from a week ago and up 1.75 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,064,000 last year 30,647,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	745	105.00-187.00	115-120	117.20
TENDERLOINS	120	105.00-179.00	105-110	113.35
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	65.00-75.00	68-70	70.00
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	180	19.00-33.00	19-20	26.44
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	13.00-18.00	13-14	14.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,258	15.00-24.00	17-19	17.99
WINGS (WHOLE)	85	41.00-48.00	42-44	44.41
WINGS (CUT)	305	56.00-63.00	58-59	58.70
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 25, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
34.25 - 38.50	35.13	34.92

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 25-NOV - 29-NOV-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	58.00 - 82.00	60.00 - 65.00
LEGS	20.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 20.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	21.00 - 29.00	-
THIGHS	16.00 - 24.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	38.00 - 55.00	42.00 - 43.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 42.50	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-86
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-88
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75

#### RABBITS-WHOLE

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-94
	DRY PACK 96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK
	ICE PACK 92-98
DUCKS	152-166

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 22-NOV-2002  
 — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		13.00	13.00-14.00	142,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00	13.83		
15-20%					
RANGE		10.00-13.00	10.00-13.00	1,260,800	222,400
WTD AVERAGE		10.96	11.30		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	10.00-11.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE			10.50		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were at least adequate to adequate. Processing was reduced due to the holiday schedules. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-NOV-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.52

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 22-NOV-2002  
 — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		15.00-16.00	13.50-15.00	802,000	470,000
WTD AVERAGE		15.45	14.07		
15-20%					
RANGE		12.00-15.00	11.00-13.20	1,955,580	304,000
WTD AVERAGE		14.06	12.04		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-NOV-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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